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SUBJECT: UNEP GC MEETING:UK AIDE MEMOIRE ON ANTARCTICA

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BELOW IS TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE ON ANTARCTIC ISSUE IN UNEP

PRESENTED AT DEPARTMENT ON APRIL 16 BY UK EMBASSY. INSTRUC-
TIONS ARE BEING SENT BY SEPTTEL.

1. PARAGRAPHS 222 AND 223 OF UNEP/GC/31 OF 11 FEBRUARY 1975
SET OUT AS AN OBJECTIVE OF UNEP, PREPARATION FOR THE EXTEN-
SION OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY, AND PROPOSE THE CONVENING OF
TWO GROUPS OF EXPERTS TO DRAW UP GUIDELINES FOR, RESPEC-
TIVELY, EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES
AND LEGAL ARTICLES FOR INCLUSION IN SUCH A TREATY EXTENSION.

2. THE ANTARCTIC TREATY MAKES PROVISION FOR ITS REVISION BY
SIGNATORY STATES IN 1991. A MECHANISM FOR ITS EXTENSION
EXISTS IN SO FAR AS STATES MAY ACCEDE TO THE TREATY. IF AN
ACCEDING STATE CARRIES OUT SUBSTANTIAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
ACTIVITY IT IS ENTITLED TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS OF THE TREATY
(ARTICLE IX PARA 2).

3. UNEP HAS A LEGITIMATE INTEREST IN THE ANTARCTIC ENVIRON-

MENT. SO DO THE STATES ACTIVE IN THE AREA TOGETHER
WITH MANY OTHER UN AGENCIES, E.G., WMO, IOC AND FAO. THE
ANTARCTIC TREATY REQUIRES TREATY STATES TO ENCOURAGE WORK-
ING RELATIONS WITH SUCH AGENCIES (ARTICLE III). RECOMMEN-
DATION VI-4 OF THE SIXTH ANTARCTIC TREATY CONSULTATIVE
MEETING HELD IN TOKYO IN 1970 STATES THAT CONSULTATIVE
PARTIES TO THE ANTARCTIC TREATY QUOTE SHOULD ASSUME
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ANTARCTIC ENVIRON-
MENT AND THE WISE USE OF THE TREATY AREA UNQUOTE AND LAYS
DOWN THE GUIDELINES FOR A PROGRAM FOR THE DETECTION;
REDUCTION AND MONITORING OF MAN'S IMPACT OF THE ANTARCTIC
ENVIRONMENT. IN FULFILMENT OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS TO CON-
SERVE THE ANTARCTIC ECOSYSTEM ANTARCTIC TREATY STATES
HAVE ALREADY NEGOTIATED THE AGREED MEASURES FOR THE CON-
SERVATION OF ANTARCTIC FLORA AND FAUNA AND THE CONVENTION
OF THE CONSERVATION OF ANTARCTIC SEALS. NO OTHER AREA OF
THE WORLD OF SIMILAR SIZE IS SUBJECT TO SUCH THOROUGH-
GOING CONSERVATION AGREEMENTS. ANTARCTIC TREATY STATES
ARE ALREADY INVOLVED IN CONSIDERING THE EFFECTS OF
EXPLORATION FOR MINERALS AND THE UTILIZATION OF ANTARCTIC
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MARINE BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES. BOTH SUBJECTS ARE ON THE
PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AT THE 8TH ANTARCTIC
TREATY CONSULTATIVE MEETING TO BE HELD IN OSLO IN JUNE.

4. THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON ANTARCTIC RESEARCH (SCAR)
OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC UNIONS (ICSU)
IS REPRESENTED ON THE ICSU SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON PRO-
BLEMS OF THE ENVIRONMENT (SCOPE). SCAR HAS IDENTIFIED

THREE OF SCOPE'S MAJOR MEDIUM TERM PROJECTS AS BEING
RELEVANT IN THE ANTARCTIC CONTEXT. THESE ARE:
PROJECT 2. HUMAN IMPACT ON RENEWABLE NATURAL RESOURCES
PROJECT 4. ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICOLOGY
PROJECT 6. ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

IN THE ANTARCTIC PROJECT 2 IS BASICALLY CONCERNED WITH
SOUTHERN OCEAN FISHERY RESOURCES (KRILL) AND IS THE CON-
CERN OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING
RESOURCES OF THE SCAR WORKING GROUP ON BIOLOGY, IN CONSUL-
TATION WITH FAO AND THE IOC CO-ORDINATION GROUP FOR THE
SOUTHERN OCEAN. PROJECT 4 IN THE ANTARCTIC CONTEXT IS
CONCERNED WITH MARINE POLLUTION. STUDIES ALREADY COMPLETED
SHOW THAT POLLUTION FROM MAN'S ACTIVITIES IN THE ANTARCTIC
IS LOCAL TO RESEARCH STATIONS AND NEGLIGIBLE ON A GLOBAL
SCALE. THE MAIN FORMS OF POLLUTION ENTER ANTARCTICA FROM
MAN'S ACTIVITIES IN THE REST OF THE WORLD. ON PROJECT 6
TREATY GOVERNMENTS THROUGH THEIR NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON
ANTARCTIC RESEARCH HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO
CONSIDER PROPOSALS FOR A GLOBAL BASE LINE MONITORING
STATION IN THE ANTARCTIC WHEN SCOPE AND UNEP HAVE DECIDED

THE PARAMETERS TO BE MEASURED AND THE METHODS TO BE USED.
A MAJOR PROGRAM OF IMPORTANCE IN THIS FIELD IS POLEX-
SOUTH WHICH, IN ASSOCIATION WITH WMO GLOBAL ATMOSPHERIC
RESEARCH PROGRAM (GARP) IS AIMED AT ELUCIDATING THE COM-
PLEX INTERACTIONS LAND, WATER, ICE AND ATMOSPHERE IN THE
ANTARCTIC. THIS PROGRAM IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO
THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE ANTARCTIC AS ONE OF THE MAIN
GLOBAL CLIMATIC REGULATORS.

5. IT WILL BE SEEN FROM THIS THAT ANTARCTIC TREATY STATES
ARE FULLY COGNIZANT OF THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILI-
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TIES AND HAVE SHOWN THEIR WILLINGNESS TO CO-OPERATE WITH
ANY INTERNATIONAL AGENCY WITH A LEGITIMATE INTEREST IN
THE ANTARCTIC IN EXERCISING THESE RESPONSIBILITIES. KISSINGER

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